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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Yasunari WATANABE, et al.) : Examiner: Hoan H. Tran
Appln. No.: 10/685,465) : Group Art Unit: 2852
Filed: October 16, 2003) : Confirmation No.: 5454
For: IMAGE FORMATION APPARATUS) April 20, 2005
HAVING CHARGING MEANS AND :
DEVELOPING AGENT CHARGING)
MEANS :
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STATUS INQUIRY

Sir:

Applicants filed the above-identified application on October 16, 2003.

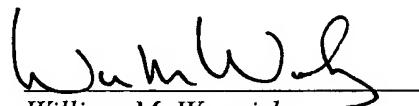
To date, Applicants have not received an Official Action on the merits from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office indicating that the case has been examined.

Applicants respectfully request that an Official Action be issued in the above-identified application.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the below-listed address.

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